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October 4th, 1919

Major General Gwatkin,
Department of Militia and Defence,
Ottawa.

Dear General Gwatkin:

It is a pleasure to me to be able to inform you that last night at a meeting of the Senate of the University of Toronto it was unanimously and cordially agreed to offer you the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws to be conferred at a Special Convocation on November 11th. The degree is offered to you on the ground of your great service to the Canadian Militia and and the Canadian people during the war.

I may add that the practice of the University is not to confer the degree in absence.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

November 4th, 1919

Major-General H. C. Thacker,
Department of Militia and Defence,
Ottawa.

Dear General Thacker:

I have made arrangements for the York Club to provide a room for you where you will be the guest of the University during your visit to the city next week. I think that you would probably arrive there Monday evening. If this falls in with your plans, would you be kind enough to notify them ?

I regret very much to say that I have had a telegram from General Currie stating that his physician orders him to remain in Victoria until the beginning of December. He will therefore be unable to be with us next Tuesday. We regret this very much indeed, but must simply accept the situation.

It had been our intention to ask General Currie to speak on behalf of those who are to receive honorary degrees. Seeing that this will now be out of the question, I hope that you will undertake this duty. The gathering will consist mainly of students and university people, and your remarks need not be very long, but it would be more appropriate for you to speak than for any others who are to receive degrees.

The University will provide a hood, and I think we can make arrangements also for a gown, so that if you have none of your own the matter can be attended to here.

The order of the day is the opening of the Park House at noon by His Excellency the Governor-General, the guests to assemble at 11:30; a lunch at one; Convocation at three; the laying of the foundation Stone when the Convocation is concluded, and a dinner in the evening. You will thus see that it is a very full day.

With very kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.

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Militia Headquarters.
6 November, 1915.

Dear Sir Robert Falconer,

Thank you for your letter dated the 4th instant.

It was good of you to think of putting me up at the York Club. But please do not trouble; I have made all arrangements to stay at the Queen's Hotel, where I shall arrive early on Tuesday morning next.

I will speak, as you so wish; & I promise you that what I say will not take long.

Please do not worry about a gown for me. General Fotheringham has undertaken to get me one.

You do not know how much I appreciate the honour you are doing me.

Yours very sincerely,

W. Watkis

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Department of Militia and Defence,

Ottawa, Canada,
3 February, 1920.

Dear Sir Robert,

St. Andrew's College.

I have received your letter dated 30 January, and I will not fail to represent your views.

Yours faithfully,

W. Gwatkin.

Sir Robert Falconer, K.C.M.G.,
&c., &c., &c.,
Toronto University.

Copy sent to Dr Macdonald

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February 4th, 1920

Sir William Gwatkin, LL.D.,
Department of Militia and Defence,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir William Gwatkin:

I am directed by Sir Robert Falconer to thank you for your letter in reply to his regarding St. Andrew's College.

Yours sincerely,

President's Secretary.